

Technology Development Act. My legislation passed in the 105th Congress and was signed into law.

This commission has met several times in the past year and will release their report in June. The commission's report will help us find out what is keeping women out of technological fields at this critical time. In addition, we will have ascertained what are effective and productive policies that can address the under-representation of women in the sciences and could help alleviate the increasing shortage of information technology workers and engineers. This legislation is a first step in countering the roadblocks for women in our rapidly evolving high-tech society, and will help women break through the "Glass Ceiling" and the "Silicon Ceiling" in the fields of science, engineering, and technology.

As women retire, we are understanding the economic problems of the elderly. Women are affected in disproportionate numbers because we tend to have lower pensions benefits than men. Pension policies have not accommodated women in their traditional role as family care givers. Women move in and out of the work force more frequently when family needs arise making it more difficult for them to accrue pension credit.

Consequently, Social Security is especially important for women. Women are heavily reliant on Social Security, and since its inception, Social Security has often been the only income source keeping women from living out their days in poverty.

As elderly women continue to outlive their male counterparts and as medical care costs for the elderly continue to rise, fundamental reform to the Social Security system will have important implications for today's female Baby Boomers and Generation Xers, and for women of future generations. It is generally daughters who bear much of the responsibility for their aging parents. In this way, women of all generations will be deeply impacted if the current system is not fundamentally reformed.

For this reason we have passed the Long Term Care Security Act. Women are the most likely care-givers when older relatives or spouses become frail or ill and need care. As more women are employed full time, it becomes more difficult for them to fill the requirements of caring for aging parents and relatives. A recent survey found that 41 percent of women who have been in care-giver roles were forced to quit their jobs or take a leave of absence, and 50 percent had to cut back their working hours to assist loved ones needing care.

Gender Equity is an ongoing struggle that seeps into many facets of all of our lives. We've made a lot of progress, and I hope that we'll work together with our partners to see the end of Equal Pay Day, because the goal will have been achieved.

Mr. Speaker, I also, for Mother's Day, invite all of the mothers, and those who care for common sense gun legislation, to meet on Sunday at the Mall to march together.

#### MATTERS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to briefly discuss two unrelated but very important matters of national importance.

Last year, we spent billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars bombing Kosovo. As the Scripps-Howard Newspapers said a few weeks ago, "the outcome certainly has not been a happy one." As the Scripps-Howard chain noted, "many innocent civilians killed."

How cavalierly we brush over that, "many innocent civilians killed." Hundreds of innocent civilians killed and we are not ashamed of that for some reason. Hundreds of thousands made homeless by our actions. We wasted billions of hard-earned tax dollars to make a situation many times worse than it would have been if we had simply stayed out. We bombed people who would like to have been our friends, and we bombed in a situation, and bombed repeatedly, where there was no threat whatsoever to our national security and no vital U.S. interest at stake.

To make things even worse, Newsweek Magazine this week has a major story entitled *The Kosovo Coverup*. Listen to what part of this article says. "An antiseptic war, fought by pilots flying safely three miles high. It seems almost too good to be true, and it was. In fact, as some critics suspected at the time, the air campaign against the Serb military in Kosovo was largely ineffective. NATO bombs plowed up some fields, blew up hundreds of cars, trucks, and decoys, and barely dented Serb artillery and armor. According to a suppressed Air Force report obtained by Newsweek, the number of targets verifiably destroyed was a tiny fraction of those claimed: 14 tanks, not 120, as claimed; 18 armored personnel carriers, not 220; 20 artillery pieces, not 450. Out of the 744 'confirmed strikes' by NATO pilots during the war, the Air Force investigators who spent weeks combing Kosovo by helicopter and by foot found evidence of just 58."

About 5 years ago, I remember reading on the front page of *The Washington Post* one day that we had our troops in Haiti picking up garbage and settling domestic disputes. A couple of years ago, I remember another Member on this floor saying we had our troops in Bosnia giving rabies shots to dogs. Well, I have nothing whatsoever against the Haitians, but they should pick up their own garbage. And I have nothing whatsoever against the Bosnians, but they should give their own rabies shots.

We should stop sending our troops into situations where there is no vital U.S. interest at stake and no threats to national security and turning our military into international social workers and spending billions and billions of hard-earned tax dollars in the process.

This administration has committed troops to other countries 36 times more than the six previous administrations put together. Mr. Speaker, it is time for this type of thing to stop.

Mr. Speaker, the other unrelated topic I wanted to discuss was this pre-dawn raid of the home where Elian Gonzalez lived in Miami.

All of the polls showed that most of the people thought that this young man should have been with his father. And as a father myself, I certainly can understand that. But regardless of what people thought about the custody, everyone should have been shocked and saddened by that picture of that INS border agent in full riot gear pointing that submachinegun at that little boy. Anyone who was not shocked or saddened by that, I think, does not really appreciate freedom.

I want my colleagues to listen to what three very liberal left-wing people have said about this just recently. A.M. Rosenthal, the very liberal former Executive Editor of *The New York Times* said "The armed invasion of the home of Elian's relatives in Miami by federal officers combat-ready with the deadliest of military rifles, the shocking abduction of the boy seen around the world, are so unconstitutional and cruel that they keep the hope alive that this time the courts and Congress will not allow the White House to get away with it."

Laurence H. Tribe, the very liberal law professor from Harvard, writing in *The New York Times* said, "Ms. Reno's decision to take the law as well as the child into her own hands seems worse than a political blunder. Even if well intended, her decision strikes at the heart of constitutional government and shakes the safeguards of liberty."

And the very left wing, Alan Dershowitz, another Harvard law professor writing in the *Los Angeles Times* said this, "By enforcing its own order, without the judicial imprimatur of a court mandate, the Justice Department has reinforced a precedent that endangers the rights of all American citizens."

Mr. Speaker, I was a Circuit Court judge in Tennessee for 7½ years before coming to Congress, and I believe that the Justice Department has grown so arrogant, abusive, and out of control that, unless we greatly downsize this department and decrease its funding, the freedom of all Americans is in jeopardy.

#### NAMING OF ORLANDO POST OFFICE AFTER ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to have the opportunity